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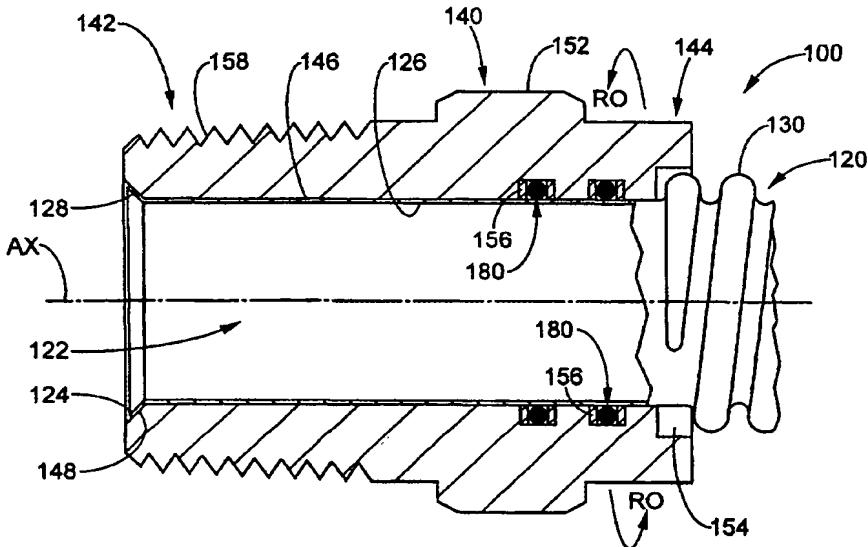
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(57) Abstract: A fluid line connector assembly (100) including a length of flexible tubing (120) having a tubing end (122) and an end fitting (140) rotatably supported on the tubing end. The sealing member (180) is compressively positioned between the tubing end and the end fitting. A retainer (128) extends from the tubing end and engages the end fitting preventing the axial removal thereof from the tubing end. A method of assembling a fluid line connector assembly is also included.

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